

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at line 11 on page 15 with the following.

Turning to Fig. 4, a flow diagram illustrating an alternative embodiment of a method for automatically selecting a user's favorite channels using embodiments of the system introduced in Figs. 1 and 2 is presented. The method is initiated when the set top terminal is initially powered on, initiating the OS and other software components of various embodiments of the system, step 402. Specifically, the favorite selection software is initiated to automatically track a user's favorite channels, step 402. Once loaded, the favorite selection software monitors user input performed by the user through manipulation of the input device, step 404. Before step 404, a mechanism is provided at step 401 for "aging" any channels automatically as favorite channels. Accordingly, when a user has failed to view a channel for a number of days that exceeds a threshold value, the indicator for the particular channel may be decremented and removed from the list of automatic favorites as is appropriate for the channel after decrementing the number of views. For example, where a user does not view a particular channel for a twenty-four hour period, the indicator for that channel is decremented by a value of one.